

WHAT WAS HE THINKING?

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, in determining his pick for the new head of the SEC, President Obama called for a "shift in ethics on Wall Street" and then subsequently announced his selection of Mary Schapiro for the SEC chairmanship. The irony of this selection is hard to miss, especially given Schapiro's reputation for favoring brokers and the securities industry over investors.

As head of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Ms. Schapiro completely missed both the mortgage crisis and the Madoff \$50 billion Ponzi scheme defrauding hundreds of unknowing investors. Furthermore, Ms. Schapiro's record as a regulator demonstrates she has seldomly pursued tough action against big Wall Street firms who, we all know, have atrociously abused our regulatory processes.

And while President Obama has openly stated that "the regulators who were assigned to oversee Wall Street dropped the ball," he has picked Schapiro, someone who was "asleep at the switch," to steer the reform of the SEC.

Which leaves me with the question: What was he thinking?

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

J. HERBERT W. SMALL FEDERAL
BUILDING AND UNITED STATES
COURTHOUSE

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R.813) to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 813

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, shall be known and designated as the "J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal building and United States courthouse referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Maryland (Ms. EDWARDS) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Maryland.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H.R. 813.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 813, a bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

Judge Small has been a lifelong resident of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, and has dedicated 52 years to civil service. He served in the United States Navy for 3 years during World War II and, after leaving the service, received a law degree from the University of North Carolina Law School at Chapel Hill. He began his public career as a special counsel to the Congressional Committee on Intergovernmental Relations and later served for 8 years as county attorney for Pasquotank County. In 1979 he was elected Superior Court judge of the First Judicial District of North Carolina and served in that position for 17 years.

Judge Small has been an active volunteer serving on the board of directors of the Albemarle Hospital and the American Red Cross. He has received numerous awards and honors from the Jaycees, the Boy Scouts, Volunteer Firemen, Chamber of Commerce, and the Rotary and Elks clubs.

In the 110th Congress, the House passed a similar bill, but unfortunately the Senate was unable to act on the legislation. I would like to thank the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUTTERFIELD) for reintroducing this bill.

Judge Small is an outstanding jurist, mentor, and civic leader. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 813.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

As you have just heard, this bill names a United States courthouse lo-

cated in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, the "J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse." I too support this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUTTERFIELD).

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Let me start by thanking the gentlewoman for yielding 4 minutes to me to speak on a very important issue in my congressional district, and that is the naming of this Federal courthouse in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. I also want to thank the gentleman from Florida for his kind remarks about my good friend Judge Small.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay honor to a constituent, a friend, and a community leader by naming the Federal building in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building." I would also like to thank the chairman of the full committee, Mr. OBERSTAR, and the ranking member, Mr. MICA, for their leadership in ushering this bill through the committee process. I would also like to thank each member of the North Carolina delegation, both Democrat and Republican, for their support of this legislation.

Almost 2 years ago, Mr. Speaker, this identical bill passed the House with unanimous support, but, regrettably, it was not taken up in the other body. I am confident that the Senate will see the bill through the process this session so we can now bestow this great honor upon Judge Small.

Mr. Speaker, Judge Small is a lifelong resident of Elizabeth City, North Carolina. He has dedicated 52 years of his professional life to improving the lives of the residents of Eastern North Carolina and in particular the Albemarle region. He began to practice law in Elizabeth City 2 years after I was born, 1949, after graduating from the University of North Carolina Law School at Chapel Hill. So the UNC fans have two reasons to celebrate today: the naming of this Federal building as well as the great victory that we saw this weekend.

Judge Small served as special counsel to the Congressional Committee on Intergovernmental Relations and later served 8 years as county attorney for Pasquotank County. He was elected district attorney for the First Judicial District of North Carolina for three consecutive terms.

As a young lawyer, I opposed Herb Small in the courtroom on several occasions. I was a defense lawyer; he was the prosecutor. He was a strong and effective district attorney. During his tenure, he served as chairman of the District Attorneys Advisory Committee, was president of the District Attorneys Association, and was appointed by the Governor to the State "Jail Study" Commission.

In 1979 Herb Small was elected Superior Court judge of the First Judicial

District. In the early years of his judgeship, I again had the opportunity to argue cases before his court. He was a firm but fair judge, always treated everyone who came before him with great respect. Herb Small served as resident Superior Court judge for 17 long years and was elected president of the North Carolina Conference of Superior Court Judges and represented the Conference on the North Carolina Policy and Sentencing Commission. I am proud to have been able to call Judge Small my judicial colleague when I became a judge after I was elected as a resident Superior Court judge in 1988. While Judge Small preceded me on the bench by almost a decade, he welcomed me among the ranks and always offered guidance and insight.

Judge Small served as chairman of the Albemarle Hospital board of directors and as chairman of the American Red Cross Chapter. He has been actively engaged in other civic, charitable, and service organizations, including Jaycees, Boy Scouts, Volunteer Firemen, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Elks Club, and Red Men. He was given the Distinguished Service Award by the Jaycees, the Volunteer of the Year Award by the Chamber of Commerce, and the Order of Long Leaf Pine by our great State of North Carolina for outstanding community involvement. During World War II, Judge Small served 3 years in the United States Navy.

Judge Small has been married for 57 years to Mrs. Annette Ward Small, a very delightful lady. They have four children, Elizabeth, John, Fran, and Carol; and they have nine grandchildren.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. I thank the gentlewoman for the additional minute. When I get talking about Judge Small, I get carried away, Mr. Speaker. He's such a dear friend.

Judge Small has been married for 57 years to Mrs. Annette Ward Small. They have four children, and I mentioned their names. They have nine grandchildren, Rachel, Matthew, John, Mary, Margaret, Ruth, Allison, Katie, and Chris.

I can think of no finer individual, no person who's more deserving of this honor than Judge J. Herbert Small. The people of Elizabeth City and the First Congressional District of North Carolina are grateful for his commitment to community and his great and extraordinary leadership.

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 15 seconds.

I would be remiss without thanking the gentleman from North Carolina for his persistence, for his leadership, for fighting for this. And as you have heard today he does so with great passion for someone who he admired greatly.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 813, a bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street, in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

Judge Small has been a life-long resident of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, and has dedicated 52 years to civil service.

He served in the United States Navy for three years during World War II and, after leaving the service, received a law degree from the University of North Carolina Law School at Chapel Hill.

In 1949, he began his legal career as a Special Counsel to the Congressional Committee on Intergovernmental Relations and later served for eight years as a county attorney for Pasquotank County.

In 1979, he was elected Superior Court Judge of the First Judicial District of North Carolina, and served in that position for 17 years.

Throughout his life, Judge Small has been an active volunteer, serving on the Board of Directors of the Albemarle Hospital, and the American Red Cross. He has received numerous awards and honors from the Jaycees, the Boy Scouts, Volunteer Fireman, Chamber of Commerce, and the Rotary and Elks clubs.

In the 110th Congress, the House passed a similar bill but, unfortunately, the Senate was unable act on the legislation. I would like to thank the gentleman from North Carolina, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, for reintroducing this bill.

Judge Small is an outstanding mentor and volunteer. For over five decades, he has been an exceptional jurist and civic leader. It is fitting and proper to honor his outstanding contributions with this designation.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 813.

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Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Maryland (Ms. EDWARDS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 813.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RONALD H. BROWN UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS BUILDING

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 837) to designate the Federal building located at 799 United Nations Plaza in New York,

New York, as the "Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 837

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The Federal building located at 799 United Nations Plaza in New York, New York, shall be known and designated as the "Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal building referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Maryland (Ms. EDWARDS) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART) will each control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Maryland.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H.R. 837.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 837, a bill to designate the U.S. Mission to the United Nations Building located at 799 United Nations Plaza, New York City, New York, as the Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building.

We all acknowledge Ron Brown as an extraordinary man. He wore many hats—lawyer, pragmatic bridge builder, statesman, mentor and trusted and true friend. As we are all aware, he was the first African American Secretary of Commerce. In that position he became a powerful and influential voice for promoting American products and trade abroad.

He left the National Urban League in 1979 to work for Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY, who sought the Democratic Party's Presidential nomination. In 1981, Brown began a career as a lawyer and lobbyist. In 1988, he was elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee. From 1989 to 1992, he served as chairman and used his skills as a negotiator and pragmatic bridge builder to help reunite the Democratic Party after its defeat in the 1988 Presidential election.

In 1993, President William J. Clinton appointed Ron Brown as Secretary of Commerce. During his tenure, Secretary Brown effectively utilized and expanded the role of the U.S. Department of Commerce. Secretary Brown